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SUBJ: SOVIET PRESS IN TIMOR

1. PRAVDA (OCT 9) CARRIES A TASS ITEM FROM CANBERRA WHICH REPORTS CONTINUED ARMED CLASHES IN EAST TIMOR BETWEEN THE "REVOLUTIONARY FRONT FOR THE INDEPENDENCE OF TIMOR" AND ITS "OPPONENTS," WHO ALLEGEDLY SEEK TO UNITE THE COLONY WITH INDONESIA. THE ARTICLE QUOTES FRONT LEADER ORTA THAT INDONESIAN FORCES HAD OCCUPIED A TOWN TWO KILOMETERS ACROSS THE BORDER IN EAST TIMOR AND HAD USED AIR SUPPORT. THE ITEM CONCLUDES THAT THE INDONESIAN DEFENSE MINISTRY DENIED THE STATEMENT.

2. COMMENT. THE SOVIETS HAVE THUS FAR BEEN VERY CAUTIOUS ABOUT DEVELOPMENTS IN TIMOR, SAYING LITTLE ABOUT EITHER THE FIGHTING OR THE CONTENDING FORCES THERE. THIS ARTICLE MAY SIMPLY REFLECT INCREASED TENSIONS IN TIMOR, BUT IN ITS CHOICE OF WORDS IT SEEMS TO TAKE SIDES IN FAVOR OF FRETELIN
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AND AGAINST THE ALLEGED ACTION BY INDONESIA AND ITS

SUPPORTERS.
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